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2012 Arbor Day Grant Program “PLANTING IDAHO”

The Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association (INLA), in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), Avista, Rocky Mountain Power, and Idaho Power, is pleased to announce a program intended to help communities celebrate Arbor Day, plant appropriate trees for energy conservation and foster a stronger relationship between Idaho communities and the Green and Utility Industries. This year, 45 Arbor Day grants in the amount of \$300 will be awarded for “Planting Idaho”. Funding for this program is provided by the generous contributions of these Idaho utilities that have a large interest in healthy urban forests and having the **right tree planted in the right place**.

All Idaho communities are eligible to participate in the “Planting Idaho” program (unless they have received the grant previously in both 2010 and 2011). Grant funds can be used for purchasing trees and shrubs and/or related planting and care materials for your community’s Arbor Day celebration. A lottery style drawing will be used to determine who receives each of the 45 available grants. Applications must be received by INLA **no later than March 16th, 2012** to be considered. Plant material must be purchased from an Idaho State Nursery & Floral license holder. A list of INLA members will be provided to the grantees so they may purchase quality plant material and receive reliable advice on selection, planting and care; thus ensuring a significant positive impact on Idaho’s environment.

This is a **reimbursement** grant. Therefore, after being chosen for this grant, an accomplishment report will be required and grantee communities must submit copies of paid invoices for plant materials, with check numbers, in the amount of at least \$300 to receive full payment of the grant. Additionally, a match of 25% (\$75) in cash or in-kind donation is required by the grantee.

Idaho joins most other states in celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 27, 2012. However, trees and planting conditions don’t honor calendars – your community may choose to celebrate Arbor Day on a different date.

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